

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES



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Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Regular Meeting

5:30 P.M.

Santo Community Center, Room 5

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

10. Roll Call

Members present: Julian Cordle, Rich Hansen, Elizabeth Leydsman, Ryan Lundgaard, Phil Oretaga, Dan Ratty, Sulayman Rizvi (*arrived as noted), Jaime Stephens. Members absent: Marie Cabler, Christopher Rose. Council Liaison absent: Eric Stark. Staff present: Rich Rosenthal, Jesse Nyberg, Haley Cox. Guests present: Debbie Vincent, Hector Cruz, Brenda Lua, Dan Weaver, Rocio Mendoza, Brian Samhammer (R. V. BMX).

20. Approval of Minutes

20.1 March 22, 2022 – Approved as submitted. *Mr. Rizvi arrived.

30. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

Ms. Vincent requested dog drinking fountains be installed at Village Center Park as well as other City parks. She also requested that the side fences on the pickleball court be removed for safety reasons. Mr. Cruz, Ms. Lua, Mr. Weaver, and Ms. Mendoza spoke about a team that has been excluded from R. V. Timbers tournament.

40. Commission and Special Reports

40.1 Arts Commission - Mr. Nyberg advised they're working on RFP for Hawthorne Park pillars and reframing the City art collection.

40.2 Cemetery Commission - Mr. Rosenthal advised they're planning annual Memorial Day event.

40.3 Bee City USA subcommittee - Mr. Rosenthal advised Pollinator garden work scheduled for this Saturday at Santo Community Center. Last weekend work was done at Lithia & Driveway Fields.

50. New and Continued Business

Item taken out of order

50.2 Midway Park Master Plan Revision Discussion – Ms. Cox introduced the topic, explained distributed documents and the public input process, and need for Commission input on how to move forward. Mr. Rosenthal added that the City is working to possibly receive of up to \$3 million in federal funds for this project; should know more in June. Will come back to Commission with the final master plan and cost estimates. Mr. Cordle introduced Mr. Samhammer who spoke to desired amenities for the bike park and benefit to the community. Commissioner's asked questions and discussed topics listed in AIC that are based on community input and amenities at nearby parks.

50.1 Spring/Summer Programs and Services Guide – Mr. Nyberg highlighted some of the programs and services for this season.

60. Committee, Sub-Committee and Affiliate Reports

60.1 Tree Committee – Mr. Ratty advised Arbor Day event went well, they're working on street tree inventory and the Jefferson Elementary tree nursery.

60.2 Prescott Park- Ms. Cox advised the ADA parking lot project is underway. Staff is working on a local government grant

60.3 Bear Creek Greenway Joint Powers Board - None

60.4 Medford Parks and Recreation Foundation - None

70. Staff Reports

70.1 CAPRA Re-Accreditation Update – Mr. Rosenthal stated CAPRA review was completed last week and we are being recommended for re-accreditation.

70.2 Park System Update – Mr. Rosenthal stated Council approved the contract for new restroom at Bear Creek Park; the Alba Park Gazebo demo has been delayed and staff will be putting out an RFP to see if anyone wants the gazebo and will take it away.

70.3 Rogue Credit Union Community Complex Update – Mr. Rosenthal advised there is a lot of activity happening onsite including foundation work. The above ground work will start in June.

80. Commissioner Remarks

Ms. Stephens asked about the public comment process and whether the Commission should respond. Commissioners discussed the R. V. Timbers situation and whether the City can/should get involved. Mr. Rosenthal advised we could invite the DEI commission to a future meeting or staff could consult with Legal re: Field Use Agreements. The Commission could vote for any particular item to be added to an agenda.

90. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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